

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on March 27, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Sarah Laszloffy, Chair (R)  
Rep. Debra Lamm, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch  
Nadia Zylawy, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 642, 3/25/2015; HB 635, 3/25/2015; SB 107, 3/25/2015

Executive Action: HB 635; HB 642

00:00:01 Chair Laszloffy

**HEARING ON HB 642**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:44 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 642, Revise laws related to school district repayment of protested taxes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:14 Tim Bronk, Superintendent, Laurel Public Schools  
00:06:05 Donnie McVee, Business Manager, Laurel Public Schools  
00:07:09 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
00:08:46 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)  
00:09:10 Dianne Burke, Self, Trustee, Frenchtown School Board

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:10:10 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (MTDOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:30 Rep. Hertz  
00:11:02 Rep. McClafferty  
00:11:20 Lee Baerlocher, MTDOR  
00:11:39 Rep. McClafferty  
00:11:44 Denise Williams, MASBO  
00:11:55 Rep. Hertz  
00:12:12 Denise Williams, MASBO  
00:12:16 Rep. Hertz  
00:12:37 Denise Williams, MASBO  
00:12:50 Rep. Kelker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:13:05 Rep. McClafferty

00:13:27 Chair Laszloffy

**HEARING ON HB 635**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:31 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 635, Provide financial assistance for dual credit course.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:14 Tim Bronk, Superintendent, Laurel Public Schools

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:31 Rep. Meyers  
 00:18:33 Rep. Jacobson  
 00:18:43 Rep. Meyers  
 00:18:54 Rep. Jacobson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:19:03 Rep. Jacobson  
 00:19:55 Chair Laszloffy

**HEARING ON SB 107**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:11 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 107, Revise K-12 school district expansion laws.

**[EXHIBIT\(edh64a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:31:34 Rep. Wagoner, HD 75  
 00:34:16 Rep. Richmond, HD 56  
 00:35:34 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)  
 00:36:04 Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent, East Helena Public Schools (EHPS)

**[EXHIBIT\(edh64a02\)](#)**

**[EXHIBIT\(edh64a03\)](#)**

00:43:50 Tobin Novasio, Lockwood Elementary Schools, Self  
 00:51:33 Rep. Funk  
 00:51:45 Chair Laszloffy  
 00:52:02 Kane Hickes, Student, Billings Senior High School (BSH)  
 00:53:01 Doug Reisig, Superintendent, Hellgate Elementary School  
 00:55:45 Jim Standaert, Advocate, East Helena Public School (EHPS)

**[EXHIBIT\(edh64a04\)](#)**

01:03:49 Tom McLaughlin, Chair, Hellgate Elementary Public School Board

**[EXHIBIT\(edh64a05\)](#)**

01:04:47 Chad Hanson, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(edh64a06\)](#)**

01:05:55 Gordan Klasna, Taxpayer, Lockwood  
 01:07:14 Joe Borgstrom, Lockwood Parent  
 01:10:00 Chair Laszloffy  
 01:10:02 Bob Riehl, Lockwood Steering Committee  
 01:11:05 Kevin Bokovoy, Trustee, East Helena School Board

01:11:18 Scott Walter, Chairman, East Helena School Board  
 01:11:31 Dana Schatz, Self, Hellgate Elementary School  
 01:11:44 Jonna Brandt, Taxpayer, Hellgate Elementary School  
 01:11:55 James Lingenfelter, East Helena Public Schools (EHPS)  
 01:12:12 Denice Harris, Parent, East Helena Public Schools (EHPS)  
 01:12:33 Jack Babon, Trustee, Hellgate Elementary School  
 01:12:47 Mark Diehl, Trustee, East Helena School Board  
 01:13:06 Martin Balukas, Self  
 01:13:19 Julia McCarthy McLaverty, Principal, Hellgate Elementary School  
 01:13:55 Tim Sather, Trustee, Lockwood School Board  
 01:14:06 Conrad Stroebe, Lockwood

**EXHIBIT(edh64a07)****Opponents' Testimony:**

01:15:38 Alex P. Apostle, Superintendent, Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS)  
 01:19:01 *Vice Chair Lamm assumes the gavel.*  
 01:21:18 Kent Kultgen, Superintendent, Helena School District (HSD)

**EXHIBIT(edh64a08)**

01:23:05 *Chair Laszloffy regains the gavel.*  
 01:23:32 Pat McHugh, Director, Business Relations, Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS)  
 01:29:43 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers' Association (MTA)  
 01:33:36 Patricia Hubbard, Director, Business Services, Billings Public Schools (BPS)  
 01:35:32 Jena Lervick, Executive Director, Human Resources, Billings Public Schools (BPS)  
 01:37:41 Kim Harris, Business Services Administrator, Helena School District (HSD)

**EXHIBIT(edh64a09)**

01:42:49 Chris Hurford, Self, East Helena  
 01:44:19 Kim Anthony, Executive Director Curriculum and Instruction, Billings Public Schools (BPS)  
 01:46:06 Terry Bouck, Superintendent, Billings Public Schools (BPS)  
 01:49:41 Joe Fischer, Teacher, Hellgate Elementary School  
 01:51:13 Melanie Charlson, Missoula Education Association, Vice President, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
 01:51:32 Libby Goldes, Chair, Helena Public Schools Board  
 01:51:46 Jackson Thennis, Student, Helena High School (HHS)  
 01:52:00 Mary Lyndes, Educator, Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS)  
 01:52:15 Steve Thennis, Principal, Helena High School (HHS)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:52:50 Conrad Stroebe, Lockwood

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:53:04 Rep. Funk  
 01:53:53 Jackson Thennis, HHS  
 01:54:38 Rep. Kelker  
 01:55:25 Sen. Brown  
 01:55:34 Rep. Kelker

01:55:42	Sen. Brown
01:56:51	Rep. Kelker
01:57:16	Terry Bouck, BPS
01:59:04	Rep. Schwaderer
02:00:07	Rep. Wagoner, HD 75
02:00:41	Rep. Lamm
02:01:08	Sen. Brown
02:02:46	Rep. Lamm
02:03:11	Sen. Brown
02:04:34	Rep. Salomon
02:05:29	Jim Standaert, EHPS
02:07:15	Rep. Salomon
02:07:48	Jim Standaert, EHPS
02:08:21	Rep. Salomon
02:08:58	Jim Standaert, EHPS
02:09:27	Rep. Salomon
02:09:43	Jim Standaert, EHPS
02:10:07	Rep. Salomon
02:10:22	Jim Standaert, EHPS
02:11:02	Rep. Salomon
02:11:05	Jim Standaert, EHPS
02:11:11	Rep. Essmann
02:12:21	Sen. Brown
02:13:20	Rep. Essmann
02:14:02	Sen. Brown
02:14:53	Rep. Essmann
02:15:33	Sen. Brown
02:16:31	Rep. Essmann
02:17:30	Sen. Brown
02:17:56	Rep. Essmann
02:18:38	Sen. Brown
02:19:34	Rep. Essmann
02:20:52	Jim Standaert, EHPS
02:21:00	Rep. Essmann
02:21:53	Jim Standaert, EHPS
02:24:28	Rep. Essmann
02:25:10	Jim Standaert, EHPS
02:25:16	Rep. Essmann
02:25:44	Jim Standaert, EHPS
02:25:52	Rep. Hertz
02:27:08	Terry Bouck, BPS
02:28:58	Rep. Hertz
02:29:34	Sen. Brown
02:29:49	Rep. Hertz
02:30:14	Ron Whitmoyer, EHPS
02:30:50	Rep. Hertz
02:31:16	Ron Whitmoyer, EHPS
02:31:44	Chair Laszloffy
02:31:59	Rep. McClafferty
02:32:32	Jim Standaert, EHPS

02:33:14 Rep. B. Bennett  
02:33:38 Sen. Brown  
02:34:10 Rep. Kelker  
02:35:06 Sen. Brown  
02:35:49 Rep. Kelker  
02:36:32 Sen. Brown  
02:36:48 Rep. Kelker  
02:37:32 Kim Harris, HSD  
02:38:40 Chair Laszloffy

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:38:56 Sen. Brown  
  
02:46:18 Chair Laszloffy  
  
02:46:52 Recessed  
02:58:33 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 635**

02:58:40 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 635 DO PASS.**  
  
02:58:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hertz, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. Price and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.  
  
03:00:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 635 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 642**

03:00:10 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 642 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

03:00:17 Rep. Hertz  
03:00:45 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
  
03:00:48 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Funk, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. Price, Rep. Salomon and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.  
  
03:01:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 642 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.  
  
03:01:58 Chair Laszloffy

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:02:20

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Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([edh64aad.pdf](#))